

Lanesborough Agricultural Commission

Minutes

December 13, 2012

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Lanesborough Town Hall in the Planning Board meeting room.

Attendees: Darlene Newton, Pete Gallant, Marv Michalak. The minutes of October 11, 2012, were reviewed. It was M/S/A to approve the minutes as printed.

Old Business

1. Lanesborough School Garden

Pictures of the work bees installing the beds were shared with members. A draft form of a thank you letter was discussed. It was decided this would be best as a letter to the editor. It was noted that individual letters to donors and participants should also be sent. The installation of a sign was also discussed. A list of seeds needed was considered.

2. Keep Farming Program

A report was made on the attendance of a kick off meeting for Keep Farming in the Berkshires for Central Berkshire. The discussion at that meeting centered around survey of various entities in the area. Another meeting will occur on January 23, 2013.

3. Small Grant Presentation

With the use of grant money, the commission sponsored a presentation on "How to market your produce" by Michael Gnones. The money was used to pay the presenter and to provide refreshments and prizes for attendees.

4. Rabies Clinic

The rabies clinic is scheduled for February 5, 2013, from 5 to 6 pm at the Lanesborough Town Garage. Dr. Keith Beebe will administer the shots. The cost will be \$10.

New Business

1. Agricultural Forum – Northampton, January 19, 2013

Information on this forum was shared with members.

2. State Ag Commission Conference – March 2, 2013

Information on this conference was shared with members. Possible attendance was discussed

The next meeting date was set for January 10, 2013 at 7 pm.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm..